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COLONIAL POLICY OF FRANCE AND RELIGIOUS MISSIONS.

Le Signat (Paris), says—Whatever the English's embarrasments in Ireland, Egypt, or even in India, where cholera is threatening to spread, the vastness of the French colonial empire is as good as a powerful bulwark, her military navy is the first in the world; the oceans are traversed by her merchant ships, her colonies, which are spread over the surface, constitute a factor in the balance of power, and a source of wealth. There was a time when England was far from having the role of the present. France had no colonies to whom Duplex, Labordiere, Champlain, Le Comte, or even the Viscount de Maistre would have given her a colonial empire. If they had, they would not have been supported by the C. of the Republic. But now things are different. England has disengaged us, and we shall now enter her up again. Deputes of the first rank as a naval and colonial power, shall we at least keep the second rank? This will greatly depend on the religious return in France, which will, at a certain point, be a moral, religious, and political factor. The colonies, which are the source of wealth, and on the attitude our Government will take in relation to the religious return in France, which will, at a certain point, be a moral, religious, and political factor. The colonies, which are the source of wealth, and on the attitude our Government will take in relation to the religious return in France, which will, at a certain point, be a moral, religious, and political factor.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

| Barometer—9 A.M.                 | 30.50 |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Barometer—1 P.M.                 | 30.40 |
| Barometer—5 P.M.                 | 30.30 |
| Thermometer—9 A.M.               | 78    |
| Thermometer—1 P.M.               | 81    |
| Thermometer—5 P.M.               | 80    |
| Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)    | 76    |
| Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)    | 79    |
| Thermometer—5 P.M. (Wet bulb)    | 78    |
| Thermometer—Maximum (over night) | 82    |
| Thermometer—Minimum (over night) | 76    |

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| BAROMETER,<br>THERMOMETER,<br>WIND,<br>SEA,<br>TEMP. | WIND-<br>LONG. | AMDT. | SHAND-<br>MET. | WIND-<br>LONG. |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Barometer  | 30.50          | 30.12 | 30.00          | 30.00          |
| Thermometer  | 85.0           | 85.0  | 84.0           | 83.0           |
| Direction of Wind                                    | N              | NE    | NE             | NE             |
| Force  | 2              | 1     | 1              | 1              |
| Thermometer  | 81.0           | 80.50 | 80.0           | 79.5           |
| Thermometer  | 75.5           | 75.0  | 74.0           | 73.0           |
| Barometer  | 30.50          | 30.12 | 30.00          | 30.00          |
| Thermometer  | 85.0           | 85.0  | 84.0           | 83.0           |
| Direction of Wind                                    | N              | NE    | NE             | NE             |
| Force  | 2              | 1     | 1              | 1              |
| Thermometer  | 81.0           | 80.50 | 80.0           | 79.5           |
| Thermometer  | 75.5           | 75.0  | 74.0           | 73.0           |
| Barometer  | 30.50          | 30.12 | 30.00          | 30.00          |
| Thermometer  | 85.0           | 85.0  | 84.0           | 83.0           |
| Direction of Wind                                    | N              | NE    | NE             | NE             |
| Force  | 2              | 1     | 1              | 1              |
| Thermometer  | 81.0           | 80.50 | 80.0           | 79.5           |
| Thermometer  | 75.5           | 75.0  | 74.0           | 73.0           |

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